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Opening the 2026–2027 School Year

Dear Dracut Public Schools Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are ready to welcome students back to our schools this week and begin another year of learning, growth, and opportunity.

We enter this school year with a great deal to build upon. The Class of 2026 gave our community many reasons to be proud. Our scholars are continuing their education at institutions including Harvard, Tufts, RPI, Northeastern, UVM, UMass, UMass Lowell, and others, pursuing fields ranging from aerospace engineering to zoology. Twenty-one student-athletes committed to continue their athletic careers in college, while our boys lacrosse team advanced to the Division 3 state championship.

Our students also continued to distinguish themselves in the arts. For the eighth consecutive year, Dracut Public Schools was recognized as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in the country! Our musicians, actors, artists, athletes, scholars, and student leaders demonstrate the broad range of interests and talents found throughout our schools.

These accomplishments are worth celebrating, but a new school year is not simply about looking back. It gives us an opportunity to raise expectations, strengthen instruction, and ensure that every student is known, supported, and appropriately challenged.

The qualities we seek to develop in our graduates provide a clear direction for that work. We want Dracut students to become critical thinkers, effective communicators, productive collaborators, creative problem-solvers, and responsible citizens. Those skills begin developing in our earliest grades, become stronger through middle and high school, and remain important long after graduation.

Across the district, both returning and new staff members are prepared to continue the work that makes our schools strong: rigorous classroom instruction, hands-on learning, extensive opportunities in the arts and athletics, meaningful support for students, and safe and welcoming learning environments.

A successful school year requires a strong partnership between our schools and our families. Families know their children best, and cordial, effective communication helps us respond to questions, recognize concerns, and support students more successfully.

Please remain connected through your child's school, the district website (www.dracutps.org), the Dracut Public Schools mobile app, our social-media channels, newsletters, and other communications via *ParentSquare*. Bus routes are posted online and may be adjusted as traffic patterns and ridership become clear during the opening days of school. Questions should be directed to the appropriate school or district office so that they can be addressed promptly.

As always, the opening days will require some patience as routines become established. Bus trips may take longer than expected, arrival and dismissal lines may move more slowly, and students will be adjusting to new teachers, schedules, classmates, and expectations. Thank you in advance for helping us begin the year safely and smoothly.

There is much to look forward to. In the coming months, students will discover new interests, accept new responsibilities, perform, compete, create, solve problems, and accomplish things they may not yet believe are possible. We'll celebrate those moments while remaining focused on the daily work that produces them: regular attendance, consistent effort, respectful conduct, strong instruction, and timely support when students need it.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your children and for your continued partnership with the Dracut Public Schools. On behalf of the School Committee and our administrators, educators, and staff, welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

Sincerely,



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